

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RETIREMENT OF REVEREND
PHARIS D. EVANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to recognize and honor Reverend Pharis D. Evans and to wish him well upon his retirement as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. For his 56 years of service and devotion to his congregation and to the community in Gary and beyond, Reverend Evans is to be highly commended. In his honor, two special worship services are being held at the church on Sunday, October 8, 2017 and October 15, 2017. In addition, a celebratory retirement banquet will take place at the Gary Genesis Convention Center on Friday, October 13, 2017.

Pharis Evans graduated from Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tennessee. As a young boy, his passion for theology grew from the church services he attended, and he knew early on that he was destined to be a preacher. He studied theology at Chicago Baptist Institute and continued his studies at Calumet College of Saint Joseph in Whiting. It was on the first Sunday in April 1961, when Pharis D. Evans was first selected to lead Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. For the past 55 years, he has administered spiritual guidance to a congregation that presently serves more than 800 parishioners. Pastor Evans's impact through his spiritual teaching has been immeasurable, and those he has mentored can all attest to his generous nature. Throughout the years, he has been a tireless advocate for his church and the community. Since 1963, Pastor Evans has coordinated and maintained Radio Broadcast Outreach Ministry. From 2009 to the present, he has also served as "Spiritual Advisor" for the Baptist Ministers Conference of Gary and Vicinity, and in 2008, he was awarded the prestigious community service Drum Major Award by the Gary Frontiers Service Club. Additionally, Pastor Evans has served as President and Vice President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention for the state of Indiana and been a chaplain for the Gary Police Department. A passionate and proven leader, Pastor Evans has provided counsel for many young ministers in search of guidance and direction. For his selfless devotion to aiding those in need of spiritual guidance, Pastor Evans is to be commended.

Reverend Evans's exceptional dedication to the church and to his community is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He and his beloved late wife, Ann, raised five wonderful children (one deceased). Reverend Evans is also a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather.

I am privileged to call Pastor Evans my friend. More importantly, Reverend Pharis D.

Evans has been a friend to all, the epitome of what we consider a Man of God. He is a man of service who has led a life we should all seek to emulate. His vision, his work, and his spirit have provided all of us with a guide to an improved and gentler future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Pastor Evans on his retirement as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. His fifty-six years of complete dedication, leadership, and selfless service to others is truly inspiring. I ask that you join me in congratulating him and wishing him well upon his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 2ND ANNUAL
NICK'S RIDE FOR HEAL

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2nd annual Nick's Ride for the Heroin Epidemic Action League (HEAL) of Cayuga County.

The Heroin Epidemic Action League is a local organization in Cayuga County whose mission is to promote awareness of the deadly dangers of heroin and drug addiction. In its second year, Nick's Ride for HEAL honors the life of Nick Campagnola, who lost his struggle with heroin addiction in December 2015 at the young age of 20.

The motorcycle ride and block party supports the important efforts of HEAL, including providing a meeting space for those struggling with addiction, funding Nick's Underdog Scholarships, and supporting other organizations with complementary missions.

I am proud to recognize the important efforts of the Heroin Epidemic Action League of Cayuga County to combat the heroin and synthetic drug epidemic that is plaguing Central New York and the rest of the country. By remembering Nick Campagnola with this outstanding community event, it is my hope that we can one day put an end to this deadly epidemic.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOWDEN
CENTER DEDICATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Bowden Center in Keller, Texas on Sunday, August 20, 2017. This space was generously donated by Don Bowden and the late Linda Bowden, and

now is operated by the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation. The Bowden Center is an event space that will allow local charities and schools to hold functions, as well as host weddings and other social gatherings.

All profits from the Bowden Center will go to the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation, which will direct the funds back into the community through charities the club supports. Through the generosity of the Bowdens, the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation will have sustained opportunities to enrich the Keller community.

This building and its dedication pay tribute to Linda Bowden, a very special leader in our Keller community, who passed away in May 2017. This building honors her legacy, and furthers her life work of giving back to others. From her years at the PTA to this year, she never stopped seeking out ways to help others. The dedication of this space is a fitting tribute to thank Linda Bowden for her generosity, not just with the new Bowden Center, but all she did for the people in Keller, Texas. We are grateful to Don and Linda Bowden, and look forward to using this space to honor their spirit of generosity and further support the good work achieved by the Greater Keller Women's Club Foundation.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. St. Joseph's Catholic Church is the oldest Catholic parish in the city of Hamilton, Ohio and has served as a uniting force in the community since its founding. In the 1800s, Ohio was home to many German and British Catholics who sought refuge in America after having fled religious persecution in Europe. Due to differences in their national origin and their language, English and German Catholics attended separate services. At the time of its founding in 1867, the church was known as a "German Catholic Church," but through shared faith and the passing of time, these differences faded.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church continues to be a pillar of the community as a school, community center, and as a place of worship. Today, St. Joseph's Catholic Church stands as a testament to the uniting power of faith in our communities both historically and in the present. I applaud St. Joseph's Catholic Church for its 150 years of service to Hamilton, Ohio.

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